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## Domestic Violence Counts Virgin Islands Summary

On September 12, 2012, 2 out of 2, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in the Virgin Islands participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 75 Victims Served in One Day

13 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

62 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 12
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	100%
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	100%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	100%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	100%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	100%
Transportation	100%

### 10 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

### 45 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 45 individuals in communities across the Virgin Islands attended 2 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 12 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 12 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

### 100% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 12 requests unmet. Other frequently requested unmet needs include legal representation, counseling, and legal advocacy.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 50% reported not enough staff.
- 50% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 50% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 50% reported not enough specialized services.
- 50% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We did an outreach event on engaging men. The male participants took materials home and work to share about the effects of domestic violence. One participant said he was going to apologize to his ex-wife and children for his wrong doing and wanted to ensure that his children were not inflicting violence on his grandchildren."

